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1. GAI ABLE PROGRAM MICHELANGELI AND VALCAMONICI DURING PERIOD DECEMBER THREE THRU JANUARY ONE (30 DAYS). HOWEVER, DOUBTFUL IF MEANINGFUL PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS CAN BE MADE DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SEASON I.E., DECEMBER 21-JANUARY ONE. GAI ABLE ARRANGE SIGHTSEEING AND HOME HOSPITALITY DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON.
2. USE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD GRANT TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING AND HOME HOSPITALITY, SEEMS POOR USE OF IV FUNDS. FRANKLY WE FIND SOMEWHAT STRANGE THAT PROPOSED GRANTEES WOULD PREFER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN STRANGE LAND WITHOUT FAMILIES. HOWEVER, IF POST BELIEVES SUCH ACTIVITIES, HOME HOSPITALITY AND SIGHTSEEING WOULD ENHANCE IMPRESSION OF US IT WISHES MAKE THEN CU/WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO WRITING 30-DAY GRANT.
3. EMBASSY REQUESTED REPLY ASAP. RUSH

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